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Dear Antonia,

Re: Ministerial Direction

Thank you for your letter of 29th March.

This letter is to confirm that I am formally directing you, as Accounting Officer of the Department for International Trade, to authorise spending on setting up the Trade Remedies Authority to the sum of £8.9m.

I understand that a direction is necessary to ensure the Department is afforded the time it needs to make vital preparations for EU Exit, and that delaying spend until after Royal Assent of the Trade Bill would hinder our ability to deliver a priority body, equipped to perform its statutory functions.

I note that the proposed spend otherwise meets the rigorous assessment standards for regularity, value for money and feasibility, and welcome the prudent approach to projected spend you have adopted in view of the parliamentary timetable.

Yours sincerely,

THE RT HON DR LIAM FOX MP
Secretary of State, Department for International Trade
& President of the Board of Trade